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N129.5 Used in Alaska

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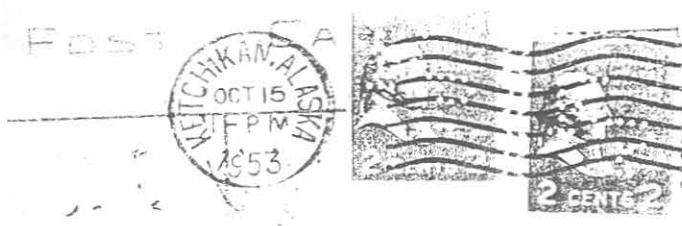
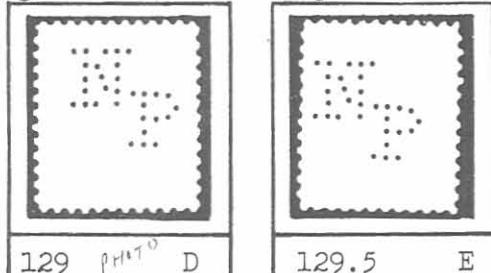


Figure 1 - Post Card's Stamps and Postmarks



The CDS is clear. It is an October 15, 1953, posting from Ketchikan, Alaska. In a similar vein, the perfins pattern is clearly the "NP" with serfs of the Northern Pacific Railway. By measuring the height of the letter "P" it is easy to determine that the pattern is N129.5 in which the letter "P" is 7mm high. But why the Alaskan cancel on a picture post card of Prince Rupert, British Columbia? The answer is on the message side of the card which is not reproducible here.

Dated 10-14-53, the message reads, "Hello dear - Spent the day here. It is Mrs. Ryan's birthday. The steward made her a birthday cake and we all sang "Happy Birthday." We will be in Alaska tomorrow. Love. Mother & Dad." Mystery solved. Tourist purchases US postage stamps on train or ship operated by the Northern Pacific Railroad and uses these to mail a picture post card that she purchased during the Canadian portion of the trip.